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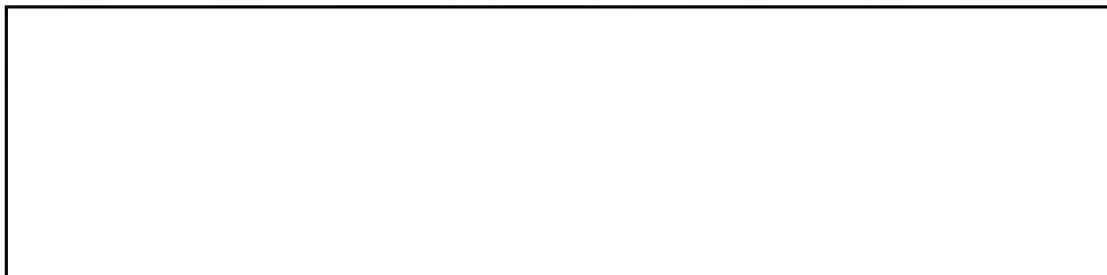
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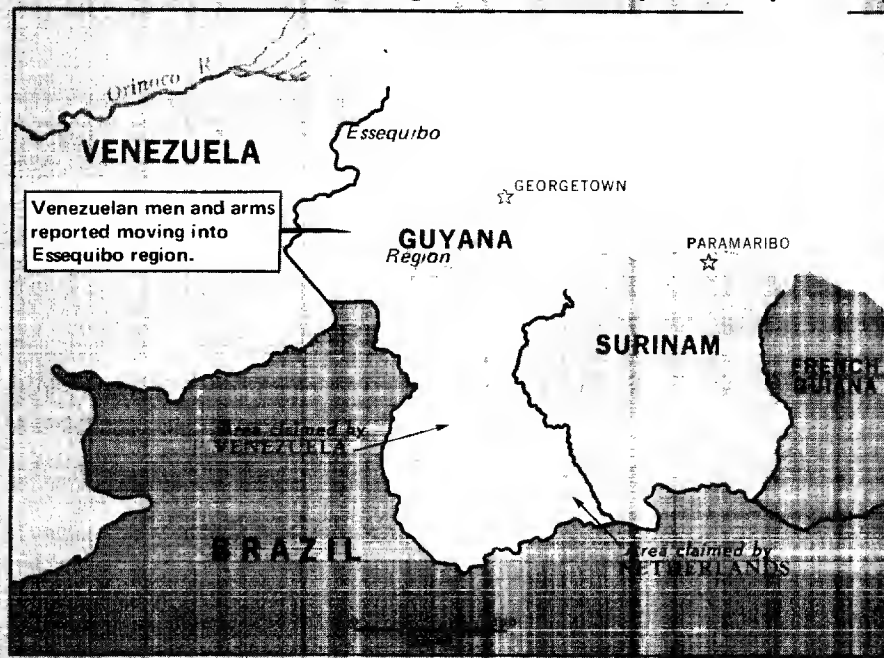
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Venezuelans Believed Preparing Invasion of Disputed Guyana Region



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VENEZUELA-GUYANA: VENEZUELA MAY BE PREPARING
TO INVAD~~E~~ THE ESSEQUIBO REGION OF GUYANA.

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[REDACTED] ARMS
AND MEN ARE BEING MOVED INTO THE AREA IN PREPARATION
FOR AN OPERATION AGAINST GUYANA.

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VENEZUELA CLAIMS THE ESSEQUIBO REGION AND MAY
USE A TRUMPED-UP AMERINDIAN REBELLION AGAINST GUYANESE
AUTHORITY AS A PRETEXT TO SEIZE THE AREA. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE VENEZUELAN~~S~~ WOULD MOVE IN RESPONSE
TO A CALL FOR HELP FROM THE GUYANESE AMERINDIANS,
BUT THE PLANNED NATURE OF VENEZUELAN SUPPORT REMAINS
UNCLEAR. THE VENEZUELAN~~S~~ WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ACTION
BEFORE PRESIDENT-ELECT CALDERA IS INAUGURATED IN
MARCH. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

THE GUYANESE DEFENSE FORCE COULD NOT DEFEND ITS
BORDER IN THE EVENT THAT VENEZUELAN TROOPS WERE IN-
VOLVED IN ANY NUMBER. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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